

Site: M:26/10/70

Rockville United Methodist Church

Built: 1869

Altered:1900,1942

110-112 West Montgomery Avenue

Architect: 1869 James McGill, (1900) T.C.Groomes

Builder: 1869 Wm. E. Pumphrey

Private

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, erected a small frame chapel on this site after a schism which left the older church on Wood Lane in the hands of Northern and black members of the congregation. Following a major fire in 1942, the church building was modernized, enlarged, and faced with stone. Elements of the original chapel, along with the 1900 tower, vestibule, and fenestration were retained when the church was again enlarged in 1982.

(contributing element within West
Montgomery Street NR Historic Dist.)**Maryland Historical Trust**
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)historic Rockville United Methodist Churchand/or common 110-112 West Montgomery Avenue**2. Location**street & number 110-112 West Montgomery Avenue ☐ not for publicationcity, town Rockville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 8state Maryland county Montgomery (RV Planning Area 4)**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)name Rockville Methodist Episcopal Churchstreet & number 110-112 West Montgomery Avenue telephone no.: 762-2288city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850**5. Location of Legal Description**courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Land Records liber Platstreet & number Montgomery Co. Courthouse 13253city, town Rockville state Maryland**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveystitle National Register of Historic Places (1974)site City of Rockville Historic District (1974) ☒ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☒ localdepository for survey records City of Rockvillecity, town Rockville state Maryland

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Montgomery County Land Records

EBP 10/401 (1870)
TD 16/54 (1900)
202/220
1726/243
1970/417

7. Description

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Condition
☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one
☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one
☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Rockville United Methodist Church complex, consisting of church, education addition and recent education wing, faces north on West Montgomery Avenue, forming an irregular "U" shape sited on four lots. The complex is landscaped with a variety of evergreen foundation plantings. A rear parking lot is accessed via Church properties on the south and west: the West/Magruder House at 114 West Montgomery (M:26/10/8) provides access from West Jefferson to both the rear lot and additional parking to the west of the house; The old Parsonage driveway to the south at 111 West Jefferson (M:26/10/24) also provides access from West Jefferson.

The tower-fronted 1-1/2 story "T"-shaped church is clad with irregularly-coursed, rough-cut fieldstone trimmed with cast stone imitating granite. The foundation is fieldstone, and the cross-gable roof is slate. The cruciform-plan church consists of a 1869 frame church structure and bell tower with educational addition incorporated into a 1943 renovation and expansion. The old building with tower, the arm of the T, faces West Montgomery Avenue and has an exceedingly shallow setback, a mark of its construction before automobiles and street improvements. The 1943 expansion, the long axis of the T, is set further back and parallel to West Montgomery. Several later additions are on the south (rear), and an 1982 office and education wing completes the "U" to the east.

The Methodist Church established a charge at Rockville in 1844, and a circuit with two preachers was established in the 1860s to serve surrounding areas. The appearance of the early makeshift places of worship and the first formal structure built in the 1860s on the Wood Lane site of the present Jerusalem Methodist Church (M:26/10/39) are not known.

The 1867 frame structure of the Rockville Methodist Church on West Montgomery Avenue appears typically Methodist in its spare design and lack of ornamentation.* It paid service to the revival of the parish church in its end-gabled facade with central doorway

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- * Rockville churches were influenced by the English parish church, a Gothic era church incorporating many Romanesque features. Rockville was the site of several early brick Anglican/Episcopal chapels and churches which fall into the parish church tradition. Early Methodism, however, was based on moderation and restraint in all things, accepting no excesses or pretensions in habits or structures. Early Methodist Churches were predominantly spare, clapboard buildings with clear or plain colored glass windows and little ornamentation.

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(replaced with three Gothic-arched stained glass windows in 1900 when the entryway was moved to the tower) and bell tower at the northeast corner. By 1900, more substantial Methodist churches with ornamentation were constructed: for example, the present Jerusalem Methodist Church on Wood Lane, built in 1892 to the same general plan, but of brick with pier buttresses, rose window, and Gothic-arched stained glass windows.

The 1943 Rockville Methodist Church incorporated part of the 1869 frame church and tower which burned in March of 1942. The base of the tower and walls were clad in native fieldstone, a portico was added, and the church was extended to the east and west. The three Gothic windows installed in 1900 have been retained, as have other old windows and details. The window and door openings vary in treatment; the major openings having granite-like cast stone surrounds. Other windows and doors are set in fieldstone arches with cast stone sills and three stones inserted for decoration, the keystone and one at each side at the curve. The three-story parapeted, crenelated tower capped with granite and the extended main body of the church establish a horizontal focus. The exterior fieldstone cladding with shallow false pier buttresses and deep door recesses completes the allusion to English Gothic parish church architecture.

The north (front) facade is composed of the tower, old facade with portico, and main trunk of the T with portico. The end gable of the original building is repeated in stonework on the old facade and used on the porticoes. The old facade has a small window in the gable, and a shallow brick projection duplicating the gable enclosing three Gothic-arched stained glass windows. The three-story bell tower has large, slightly arched openings with moulded cast stone surrounds on the east, west, and north facades. These are filled with wooden louvered panels on the third story to protect the bell from weather and birds. The east, north and west facades have rectangular windows on the second story. The first story has one window, east and west facade, and an end-gabled entry portico with deeply recessed doorway surrounding arched double wood exterior doors. Small leaded diamond-paned colored-glass windows are on the east and west facades. The main body of the "T" is four bays, separated by two shallow pier buttresses. A two-sash Gothic-arch stained glass window is in each of the three west bays, an entry portico similar to the west one is in the east bay. This portico has a similar deep recessed doorway arch leading to an interior vestibule with diamond-paned leaded, colored-glass window on the east and west. Double wood doors lead to the interior. The portico's end gable front has a parapet surmounted by a cross.

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The east facade is composed of the end-gabled main body of the T-shaped church and the education addition on the north. The gable has one small rectangular opening filled in with wooden louvers, and one large opening surrounded by cast stone spanning both stories with two pointed-arch windows at the second floor level, stone panels below, and two rectangular windows on the first story. The three-story 1969 addition is buff-colored brick with six bays of three-story vertical window panels of cast stone, each containing two pointed windows on each story. The three-bay gabled south facade of the education building has three-story vertical windows in each bay. The first bay has a set of four windows, the second, a set of two windows, the third, a set of three windows.

The south facade is complex. The east portion is a nine-bay red brick addition with a four-panel window unit in each bay save the eighth, which has an entry door. The addition extends from the gable end of the older education wing to the tower of the 1943 church building. The centrally-located square tower has a pyramidal hipped-roof surmounted by a metal cross. The tower is fieldstone with cast stone crenelated parapet and coping and a narrow modern aluminum window on the south facade. A one-story, gable-roofed entry portico is west of the tower, with a deeply-recessed, arched cast-stone entryway, interior vestibule area with unglazed window openings east and west filled with wrought iron, and double wood doors on the interior. On the west, a four-bay, one-story addition has full-panel casement windows: a pair of panels in the west bay, triple panels in the second bay, west, another pair in the third bay, and a single panel in the east bay. The west facade of the addition has one panel on the north, three panels north center, one recessed panel south center, and two single panels on the south. All are surrounded by plain cast-stone surrounds and sills. Above the one-story hipped roof is the end gable of the 1869 structure with a louvered rectangular opening in the gable.

The west facade consists of the old main block on the north and 1982 addition described above on the south. The four-bay main block has an arched entryway over a stairway leading to the basement in the north bay. The three-story main block has a circular louvered opening in the gable and a three Gothic-arched stained glass windows arranged in triptych fashion on the second story. There are no door or window openings on the first story.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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				local history

Specific dates 1869 (original) **Builder/Architect** Architect (1869) James Harkness
 Builder (1869) Wm. E. Pumphrey
 check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D 1900 Renovation - T.C. Groomes (A&B)
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
 Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance

The small frame chapel erected on this site in 1869 has been enlarged through many stages to become a complex structure housing worship and educational functions of a large congregation.

History and Support

The history of the Methodist Church in Rockville is documented in a series of church record books. The volume dated 1852–1872 records visits by circuit-riding ministers, and receipts for parsonage furnishings and upkeep on the church, both buildings then located on Wood Lane. 1/ This volume also documents the division caused by the issue of slave-holding and the resultant decision in 1863 by the majority of the congregation members to join the Conference of Southern Methodists as the legitimate representatives of the primitive Methodist beliefs. 3/ Further realities of the Civil War period are found in a poignant note from a retiring minister to his successor that the records of 1862–63 "are brought to an abrupt conclusion by the limitation of paper". 4/

Following the cessation of hostilities, the majority of the congregation reaffirmed their opposition to the "modern innovation" of social and political equality for the negro. They sought to regain the use of the Wood Lane church building or to share the building with the minority, "regular" Methodists who had continued to use the Church. These plans proved unacceptable, and in 1867 funds were raised by the Southern Methodists to bring suit to defend their title to the property. The suit was lost, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, began planning for the construction of their own church and parsonage.

The Trustees purchased land at the western boundary of the town, part of "Miller's Hope", original town lots 53, 54, 55, and 56. 5/ James C. Harkness, a Washington City architect, drew the plans for both the Church and the Parsonage. 6/

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Local carpenter William E. Pumphrey, assisted by James Campbell, was the contractor. The lumber contributed by Nathan Cook, Esquire, was assembled at Georgetown and transported to Rockville. The stone for the two building foundations, "a very serious item of expense", was supplied by agreement with Major John England. The building committee reported numerous transportation and supply problems, but most of its reports concerned the greater-than-expected costs of the parsonage. (See Survey Site M:26/10/24.) By June, 1869 the parsonage was nearly completed, as was the foundation of the Church building. It is assumed that the Church was completed in that building season.

In 1900, the first major renovation/alteration was done according to the plans of Rockville architect T.C.Groomes. A tower and vestibule entrance were added to the east end of the building. 7/ The lower part of this tower has been preserved within the present structure. The tin finial with crockets that once crowned the wood-shingled pyramid roof is also preserved as part of the present library display. Stained glass windows were also added ca. 1900, replacing the original plain ones. The modest frame building with plain lancet windows is pictured in a photograph taken about 1906, after the entryway was moved to the bell tower and a triptych of three Gothic arched windows was added to the facade. (See attachments 8.5 and 8.7)

Over the next 40 years additional refurbishings, modernizations and enlargements of the Church and its school/auditorium buildings took place. In March, 1942, a fire caused severe damage, but war time limitations on essential building materials caused a long delay in rebuilding. For a year the congregation met at the Montgomery County Courthouse. 8/ The "new" church was completed in 1943; its builders faced the walls of the old building with native stone. The frame tower with open belfry and cedar shake roof was replaced by a three story tower with crenallated top. The Sunday school building was extended further. 9/

Additional enlargements in 1955 and 1969 replaced two late 19th century dwelling houses lying east of the Church on Commerce Lane (now W. Montgomery Avenue.) 10/ The 1969 addition marked the 100th anniversary of the Church on this site and the 125th anniversary of Methodism in Rockville. Present at the celebration were many families who had been associated with the Church for three generations. The 19th century ministers and trustees such as the Prettymans, Barry-Stonestreets, Wilsons, and Tylers have been succeeded by 20th century descendants who continue to provide leadership and service.

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The various enlargements to the Church, the last being installation of a new organ, all new furnishings and carpet, and protection of stained glass windows by plastic in the sanctuary, erecting a two level administration wing, and enlargement of Wesley Hall in 1982, reflect the growth from a handful of families to a congregation numbering over 1,300.

In the early hours of September 5, 1986, a fire described by fire department officials as "deliberately set" resulted in smoke and water damage to the old sanctuary and the loss of much of the top portion of the triptych stained glass windows on the west facade. The southwest office portion of the building suffered heavy interior loss and the slate roof of both sanctuary and office portion was partially destroyed. 11/

Footnotes:

1. The Wood Lane Methodist Church served several area congregations, not just Rockville. It was the Methodist Church at Rockville, but was not the Rockville Methodist Church. For early history of the Methodist Church at Wood Lane site, see "Jerusalem M.E. Church", MHT Survey M:26/10/39, and Montgomery County Story, Vol. XV no.5 (1972).
2. Rockville United Methodist Church, archives - Volume "Official Records 1852-1872" contains entries of interest concerning furnishings and repairs to parsonage, then located on lot 30 of Rockville, at Wood Lane and Washington Street.
3. Those Incredible Methodists pp 258-268, a history of the Baltimore Conference of Methodists, also discusses schism during this period.
4. Official Records, Volume 1852-1872, p. 150, dated June 15, 1867.
5. Due to the Civil War, John Miller's petition to resurvey the original town lots 53-57 was not granted until 1867, at which time it was called "Miller's Hope". The Tax Assessment records of 1869 show that Thompson and Prettyman (as Trustees) own about one fourth acre, valued at \$200. This is the site of the Church, not yet recorded on land records; no further entries are made since Church property is not taxable.
6. James Goodes's Capital Losses, documents the commission by James C. Harkness for the Washington City Orphans Asylum, later Hillcrest Children's Center, demolished in 1963, pp 225-226.
7. Montgomery County Sentinel, December 28, 1900.
8. Rockville United Methodist Church 1844-1982, a Church History, p 17.
9. Sentinel, March, 1942; July 9, 1942 and July 10, 1975.
10. The Fletcher-Tschiffeley house was built before 1891 and pictured in Copp's "Peerless Rockville" real estate brochure; the Warfield house was built ca. 1895. On the west, the Church in 1971 purchased the house at 114 West Montgomery, long the home of church member Daisy Magruder.
11. The Washington Post, September 6, 1986; Visual inspection of Fire damage, September 5, 1986.

Construction History of Methodist Episcopal Church (South) and Parsonage

1868/69	Construction of Methodist Episcopal Church (South) and Parsonage: Architect : James C. Harkness (Washington City) Builders: Pumphrey & Campbell
1900	Stained Glass Windows, Tower/Vestibule entrance Architect : T.C. Groomes (Rockville) Builder: Alfred Warthen (Rockville/Kensington)
1904	3X9 Memorial Window, Columbia Art Glass by Edwin B. Emerson. Memorial to Dr. E.E. Stonestreet.
1907	Small fire destroyed new carpets, pews.
1910	New Sunday School Building of 12 rooms , \$3,000. Design: Hugh S. Magruder
1916	Second Story to Sunday School, Choir Loft, General Repairs \$12,000. Builder: Henry Howe
1925-27	Remodeling, Pipe Organ donated.
March, 1942 to Nov. 1943	Fire severely damaged structure. Building walls faced with stone veneer, stylish architecture. Architect: W. Randolph Talbott.
1955	Two Floor Education Building, Extension of Sanctuary, Remodeled offices/library. (Property to include Tshiffiley House) Architect: Johannes & Murray, (Golden, Delaware)
1965	Remodeling, Enlargement of organ chamber, additional parking provided by purchase of Rockville Academy and 2-1/2 acres.
1969	New Wing, containing chapel, lounge, classrooms.
1979	Purchase of 1500 Baylor Avenue as Parsonage
1980-82	Sale of Rockville Academy building to finance \$1,500,000 worth of restoration, two level Administration wing, plastic covering of stained glass windows, new organ. Architect: Benjamin P. Elliott (Silver Spring, Md.)
Sept. 5, 1986	Fire damages south addition and south portion of sanctuary of old church building. South triptych of stained glass windows damaged.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Official Records from Archives of Rockville United Methodist Church;
Church histories, photographs, architect drawings, deeds; Montgomery
County newspaper abstracts 1855-1975.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 66,674 sq. ft. (incl. 114 W. Mont. (M:26/10/8) and
Quadrangle name 111 W. Jefferson Quadrangle scale
UTM References do NOT complete UTM references M:26/10/24)

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Fronting on West Montgomery Avenue, parts of lots 53,54,55,56.
Replatted 1968 as Lot 87 of Block 12 of Town (Plat Book 87 folio 8982
(1968)).

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Anne Cissel	Judy Christensen, Arch. Description
organization	Peerless Rockville	date May 1986
street & number	P.O. Box 4262	telephone 762-0096
city or town	Rockville	state Maryland 20850

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S. R. M.

The Sunday School of the Rockville Christian Church will hold its Christmas entertainment on Friday, December 22nd, at 7:30 P. M.

Rev. J. A. Hopkins will preach in the Rockville Christian Church next Sunday at 11 A. M.; Redland at 8 P. M., and Derwood at 7:30 P. M.

Itch on human, mange on horses, dogs and all stock, cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by E. T. Fearon, Rockville.

Died, at Forest Glen, on Sunday, December 23rd, 1900, at 11:20 A. M., after a short illness, Montgomery Blair Wood, only son of John and Rebecca Wood, in the 23rd year of his age.

On Christmas morning, near Dawsonville, John Moore and Louis Brown, both negroes, got into an affray and Moore was slashed across the face and also stabbed in the left side. Brown was arrested and lodged in jail at this place.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Edith Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Thompson, of this town, to Mr. Louis Henry Kelley, of Colesville, this county. The marriage will take place January 2d, at St. Andrew's Chapel, Colesville.

Rev. Lewis Jones will preach in the Barnesville Baptist Church next Sunday at 11 A. M., and in Seneca school house at 8 P. M. With these services he will close his pastorate at the above places, having accepted a call from the Nanjemoy Baptist church, in Charles county.

Miss Esther Mossburg, of Poolesville, was married Wednesday afternoon last to Mr. Charles E. Wire, of Forest Glen. Rev. D. L. Reid, of the Methodist Church, officiated. Messrs. L. R. Ormitt, G. W. Reddick and H. W. Spurrier, of Poolesville, and Mr. Lawrence Mossburg, of Baltimore, a brother of the bride, acted as ushers. Prof. Glen Poole played the wedding march.

In the Circuit Court for this county on Friday last Wm. G. Hendley was granted a divorce from his second wife, Nancy Hendley. The bill for divorce was filed by G. M. Anderson, attorney for the plaintiff, on the previous Wednesday. The ground alleged for granting the divorce was desertion and conduct unbecoming a wife. The final decree was signed by Judge Henderson.

The Christmas service of the Rockville Epworth League, conducted by Mr. J. F. Allen, was of unusual interest last Sunday evening. Aside from interesting remarks by the leader, there were responsive readings and special Christmas music of merit, the singers being Mr. C. W. Prettyman, Mrs. O. M. Linthicum, Mrs. B. F. Hicks, Dr. R. C. Warfield, with Mrs. R. C. Warfield as organist.

The Epworth League service at the Rockville Methodist Church on next Sunday evening will be in charge of the pastor, Rev. G. Dorsey White. This being the closing Sunday evening of the year and the century a special effort will be made to enlist the entire membership in service, the subject involving a consideration of the receding year and resolutions and intentions for the new. Come early.—The hour is 8:30 P. M.

On Christmas Day there was a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan W. Allnutt, of Dawsonville. The occasion also marked the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Allnutt. Mr. Allnutt made a happy speech full of reminiscences. They were the recipients of numerous handsome presents. Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Allnutt were their nine children, with their wives and husbands, and 14 grandchildren. Mr. Allnutt is 74 years of age and his wife 70.

Information reached here on Tuesday of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth R. Payne Sommers, widow of our former townsman, Harry A. Sommers. The sad event occurred on Friday, the 21st instant, at her home in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Deceased was

Handsome Church Building.—The work of enlarging and remodeling the Rockville M. E. Church South is about completed, and reflects great credit upon all concerned, as well as being a distinct improvement of the town. Substantially the same general plans that have been followed in this improvement were conceived and advocated by the late Rev. A. O. Armstrong, about three years ago, during his pastorate over this church.

These alterations include the enlarging of the audience room by the removal of the old vestibule and entrance, which space is now included in the auditorium.

The old chancel rail, pulpit and choir platforms have been replaced by new and modern ones. All the old woodwork has been replaced by new work, finished in the natural wood. Neat wainscoting encircles the entire church, the south wall having received an extra panel of the same. All the old windows have been replaced by stained glass windows of artistic design. A triple cluster of windows supplant the old entrance on the north. The electric lights in the rear of the pulpit have been removed and an adjustable shaded electric light has been substituted at the pulpit. The old flues have been torn down, all walls straightened and a new, safe and large flue has been constructed at the intersection of the new and old parts. New oak pews of the most modern type will replace the old ones.

A tower and Sunday School and Epworth League room have been added on the east, the tower affording a commodious vestibule entrance to both the Sunday School room and auditorium.

A neat rolling partition, twenty four feet in width, allows of converting the two rooms into one on occasion. The entire ceiling and walls of both rooms have been tastefully frescoed, the general design in each being the same. The cathedral glass windows throughout the building, while carrying out a general design, comprise several combinations of color. The entire building is to be heated by steam.

Plans for the work were drawn by Architect T. C. Groomes, of Rockville, the contract for same being awarded to A. C. Warren, now of Kensington.

A building committee, consisting of Dr. W. R. Andrews, chairman; Jas. F. Allen, secretary; Dr. Edw. E. Stonestreet, W. R. Pumphrey, J. E. Wilson, with the pastor, Rev. G. Dorsey White, to supervise the committee, has had charge of the work.

When these improvements were first contemplated it was supposed \$2,200 would cover the cost, but later more elaborate alterations were decided upon, so that the total expenditure is something like \$3,000, two-thirds of which was subscribed before the work was begun. The remainder will soon be canvassed for.

Death of a Highly Respected Lady. Mrs. Martha M. Chilton, widow of Judge Alexander W. Chilton, of Alexandria, Va., died at her late residence in this town on Monday evening last, after a few hours' illness, in the 59th year of her age.

The deceased was the third daughter of the late Alexander Kilgour. After marriage she resided in Alexandria, Va., until the death of her husband. In 1868 she united with the Episcopal Church, remaining a practical and consistent member. She so tried to live as to exemplify those virtues of the mind and heart that enrich and adorn the soul, and which ever command the respect and admiration of all. She had no children, but leaves an aged mother, three brothers, William, Francis S., and Alexander Kilgour, and two sisters, Mrs. Cecelia Jones and Miss Sallie Kilgour, in and upon whom were centered all her earthly affections.

In the well grown evening of life, in the deep evening of the day, the spark, bright and trembling on the edge of the horizon—

robo of white satin, with shirred tulle yoke and sleeves, tulle veil and orange bosoma. She carried bride's roses and wore for her only ornament a magnificent sunburst, the gift of the groom. A reception followed the ceremony, at which were several hundred of relatives and friends. A delicious supper was served, and the bride and groom took the 9:35 train to New York. They were accompanied as far as Washington by a number of their guests from that vicinity. The presents were very numerous and handsome, and completely filled one room.

YOLANDE.

Aged Farmer Kills Himself.—About 4 o'clock last Saturday afternoon members of the family of Mr. James Case, a farmer residing near Darnestown, this county, heard a gunshot in one of the upstairs rooms. Hurrying upstairs they were horrified to see Mr. Case in the death struggle, having received an ugly, gaping wound in the breast. The weapon used was a breech loading double-barreled gun. He had supposedly rested the gun on the floor and discharged the gun with his foot, the end of the barrel resting immediately over his heart. Death was instantaneous. Mr. Case was about 67 years old, and had been a sufferer from asthma. He had said to some of his friends that he would rather kill himself than be choked to death by the disease. He leaves a widow and four children. The coroner viewed the body, but determined that an inquest was not necessary.

Business in the Orphans' Court.—The following business was transacted in the Orphans' Court:

Annie F. Gayley and James W. Townsend, executors of Eleanor W. Gayley, deceased, passed their first and final account and made distributions.

Robert B. Peter, administrator of Charlotte H. Lowry, deceased, filed inventory of personal estate and was granted an order of sale.

Welbert Peirce, administrator of Powell O. Peirce, deceased, filed inventory of personal estate, and was granted an order of sale.

Court will be in session on Wednesday of next week, instead of Tuesday.

Sunshine Society.

Darnestown, December 24, 1900.

Having been appointed President of the Sunshine Society of Montgomery county, by the State Regent, Mrs. M. M. North, of Silver Hill, Worcester county, Md., we would like to call the attention of the ladies, and every one who takes an interest in the helpful and beautiful work of this society. To those who read *The Ladies Home Journal* the meaning of the Sunshine Club will be plain. If there are others who feel an interest in the work, and desire information, it will be our great pleasure to communicate with them and enroll them among our members. We hope Montgomery county will take a front rank in this society, both in point of numbers and in the helpfulness of its members.

All communications on the subject addressed to the undersigned will be cheerfully answered.

Mrs. HUGH C. READING,
B. & S. Darnestown, Montgomery co., Md.

Silgo Items.

An entertainment was held at the school house Friday to an overflowing audience, and many could not gain admittance. The school room was beautifully decorated, and the principal, Miss Mary Story, and her assistant, Miss Susie Bailey, deserve the congratulations of our community for the manner in which it was conducted. Old Santa Claus gave a handsome present to each of the pupils. Eighty-two scholars are enrolled on the books, with an attendance of 76 per day. The following program was rendered: Opening chorus, Welcome, Beautiful Day, by the school; Recitation, On Sunday night 'fore bedtime, Howard Barnes; Recitation, Borrowing and sorrowing, Martha Tyler; Recitation, Christmas, Blanche Wallace; Concert recitation and motion song, Christmas time with the little children, Anna Childs, Mildred McNulty, Mabel Berdette, Bernice Shaw, Hallie Shaw, Lucie Thomas.

died in August, and her son, Spool of typhoid fever the 16th of Nov three deaths in one family make sad than pea can express.

Mrs. Suddath seemed formed for and cheerful society, in which she did yet she shone most brightly in home, where, with kind hospitality, she entertained so generously. The void deeper than words can tell. An wife and fond mother is gone, and aches for the desolate dwellers in it which she brightened and adorned with loved flowers, as she loved ever that was good and beautiful. Flow their charms, the cheering song of music, and the bright sunshine of a day was joyous to a home that has shadowed by the sorrow of death.

Sad as we are, were we to try to with the moans our tears would find the fountain. God's dealings are on ours to us when He comes with His aid hand. We often exclaim: Has God forsaken us? But in our calm moments we can to our mind His promise where He has "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." There is no death, an angel form walks over the earth with silent tread. He hears our best loved ones away, and then we call them dead.

Her funeral took place on Wednesday instant, at 2 P. M., at Gathersburg Church, Rev. Mr. Marsh officiating. Interment was made in Forest Oak burying ground.

Written by Ethel Pa

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Ant Springer, of 1125 Howard street, Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. K New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that many years had made life a burden. All remedies and doctors could give her no relief but she says of this Royal Cure, "It so moved the pain in my chest and I can sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding praises throughout the Universe." So every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, C or Lung. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at R. W. Vinson's Drug Store; all bottles guaranteed.

Rockville Bakery.

TOYS of all kinds at the Bakery, including Pianos, Magic Lanterns, Dolls of every description, also Albums, Toilet Boxes, etc. all at lowest prices.

Pound and Fruit Cake, 20c per pound; for black Fruit Cake with seedless raisins. Candies, Nuts, Tree Ornaments, Doll Cakes, etc.

See our goods and prices before going to town—it will pay you.

H. REISINGER,
Rockville, Md.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relief for your meagre Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They cure disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price 25 cent. Sample free, at E. T. Fearon's drug store, Rockville Md.

Many persons have had the experience of Mr. Peter Seeman, of North Stratford, N. H., who says, "For years I suffered tortuous from chronic indigestion, but Kodol Dyspepsia Cure made a well man of me." It digests what you eat and is a certain cure for dyspepsia and every form of stomach trouble. It gives relief at once even in the worst cases and can't help but do you good. R. W. Vinson, Rockville, Md.

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Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Now is the time when croup and lung troubles prove rapidly fatal. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results is One Minute Cough Cure. It is very pleasant to take and can be relied upon to quickly cure coughs, colds and all lung diseases. It will prevent consumption. R. W. Vinson, Rockville, Md.

Horse and Cattle Powders.—Pratt's, Stonebraker's, Pont's, Schmidt's, Kendall's, Flint's, Erbs, Barker's, Bell's, and Pratt's Chicken Powders, at Vinson's Drug Store.

When you need a soothing and healing anti-septic application for any purpose, use the original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, a well-known cure for piles and skin diseases.



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ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1942.

Be Wrong--BUT

G. STROMBERG

Today we need another sermon to spur our general population to an attitude of serious acceptance of the hard facts we face. It is evident to any who will pause to consider the condition of which I complain that the most certain manner of a reawakening will be a sudden and shocking blow. Though unfortunate it is true that our people react better under reverses. When our boys have been in the thick of battle on the seven seas and in nearly every section of the world and casualty lists become heavy enough to penetrate into thousands of families and every community, we will become war conscious. But it will be a sad and heavy consciousness born of personal loss.

In this general indictment I do not chide the great number of people who have consistently "viewed with alarm" the peril America faces. "Blood, Still I should like Sweat, Toil to feel that these and Tears" men and women are doing their utmost to arouse their neighbors and associates to an appreciation of what lies ahead for the United States.

Buying War Bonds is a necessary part of the war activity. Taking our places in civilian defense and in community activities is certainly no great burden. We need to go farther. In addition to these efforts we must prepare to give our hands, heads, hearts and fortunes to the war effort. We should adopt Prime Minister Churchill's admonition of - "BLOOD - SWEAT - TOIL and TEARS."

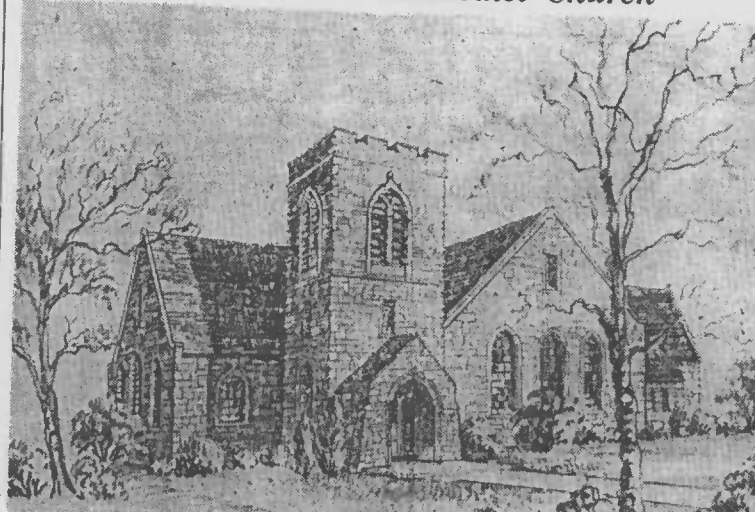
PLANS COMPLETE FOR ANNUAL HOSPITAL SUPPER

Plans for the annual supper at Sandy Spring for the benefit of the Montgomery County General Hospital were completed at a meeting of the steering committee last Monday night. Despite the handicaps faced due to war restrictions the ladies are enthusiastic about the prospects. The following statement was issued by the committee on publicity:

"Members of the Women's Board, who sponsor this event, feel that every one should make an effort to make the supper this year more of a success than ever before. Health is our first line home defense and demands on the hospital are greater now than ever before. This board contributes to the general upkeep of the hospital and furnished all of the linen used by the institution. Also during the past year it has contributed \$5000 toward the installing of a new heating plant which cost \$13,500. "A plea is made to all who have attended this event in the past and to those who might attend for the first time to make plans now to conserve enough gas so that you can support this most worthy cause again this year. Funds for carrying on the work of the Woman's Board depends mostly from the success of the supper--so consider your support of this event as part of your contribution to home defense and plan now to attend the supper on July 28."

Youth Fellowship Holds Service This Sunday

New Rockville Methodist Church



Artist's conception of new Rockville Methodist Church to be built on site of one burned last March.

New Methodist Church Plans Are Complete

New Building To Be Larger With Many Additional Facilities

Plans have been completed and financial pledges secured for the new Methodist Church in Rockville. Request for priorities for materials has been filed with the Government and, should this request be granted, it is anticipated that the new structure will be ready for use by the first of 1943. Rev. J. W. Rosenberger, the pastor, stated that the results obtained by the committees named following the fire which destroyed the old church in March of this year, were beyond his expectations. "I have never experienced any finer spirit of co-operation and generosity on the part of any congregation that I have served. If we can build it is hoped that we will be able to hold our first service in the church around the first of the new year."

The new church will be larger than the old and will have additional facilities. The walls will be of native stone veneer. Some of the old walls were found to be undamaged and will be used to form a part of the new structure. Reconstruction of the auditorium is designed to seat at least one hundred more people. Under the church will be a finished basement with facilities for kitchen and seating accommodations for two hundred persons. The present Sunday School plant will have a two-story addition 18 feet wide.

The pipe organ, which was damaged to about \$1,500, is being repaired and will be as good as new. There will be a choir loft with ample room for forty-five members as well as providing an adequately large choir room.

The old church was destroyed by fire on March 8, 1942 during the Sunday School classes. Immediately thereafter plans got under way to rebuild. William F. Prettyman was named chairman of the building committee and Ralph Benson chairman of the finance committee. Randolph Talbot, a member of the church board, is the architect. The picture of the new edifice was photographed from the artist's sketch.

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Rockville Firemen Open Carnival This Friday at Fair Grounds

Many Attractions—Old And New—Scheduled For Firemen's Big Show—Many Thousands Expected To Attend

The Rockville Volunteer Firemen's Carnival will open this Friday, July 10, with the biggest show in the history of the local fire department. The show will last for a week and it is expected to draw people from all over Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Washington, D. C., and Virginia.

The local smoke-eaters have been busily preparing for the big show for the past month; booths are being set up and arrangements are under way for a gala week of fun and frolic.

Hundreds of dollars worth of prizes will be given away. Gifts will include automobile, radios, and all kinds of Bingo merchandise which has long been purchased and stored at the fire house thus assuring patrons of the best this Carnival season.

The Carnival will include a Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Twin African Dip, High Striker, Loop-A-Plane, Bingo, Fish Pond, Milk Bottle, Candy, Aluminum, Hoogan, and all other attractions of former years. There will be dancing every night to the merry tunes of Don Buckley and his Buccaneers.

An innovation this year will be a Fun House. This attraction has never been shown at any carnival before and it is expected to be one of the most popular attractions. As usual each night at eleven

o'clock a console radio will be awarded.

Said Carnival chairman, Val Wilson, "the proceeds of the big show will be used to meet the expenses incident to the purchase of emergency equipment which the Fire Department wisely purchased before Pearl Harbor. With a trained crew of sixty-six members and adequate equipment you, John Q. Public, may be assured that the department will measure up to the high standards which this up and coming community warrants."

The outstanding attraction of the week will be the appearance of "Happy Johnny and his Plainsmen" on July 10th and 16th, at 8:00 o'clock.

W. Valentine Wilson, Chief of the Department is General Chairman of the Carnival, assisted by Marbery F. Gates, Francis Lydane and Clarence E. Anders. Carnival Committees 1942

Bingo No. 1—V. C. Wilson, Marion Atwell, Dave Betts, Frank Higgins, M. W. Bradshaw, Dan Waddle, Dr. B. P. Wilson, William F. Bond, Woodrow Marth.

Bingo No. 2—Tyson Wheeler, Paul Brunett, Hilton Darby, Jimmie Cissell, Bernard T. Welsh, Francis Posey, William Burrows, William Lowery, Joseph Wilkinson.

Milk Bottle No. 1—Joseph Hutchison, George Wilt.

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Democratic Congress To Meet In Rockville Next Tuesday

Upwards of one thousand Democrats will descend upon Rockville next Tuesday, July 14, when the United Democratic Organization will hold a meeting. Purpose of the meeting will be to select and endorse men for the several places on the local and State ticket.

The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Rockville High School. Notice of the meeting was distributed to the members of the Democratic Party in the approaching September Primary will be heard and if time allows, voted upon. Similar consideration will be given to the announced candidates for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the 6th Maryland District to the announced candidates for Chief Judge for the 6th Judicial Circuit and to other Democratic candidates.

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O'CONOR CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

Governor Herbert R. O'Conor late Wednesday afternoon formally announced his candidacy for re-election. His statement was brief and included the following highlights:

The Governor said that he considers it imperative that the war effort be given first consideration over the coming election campaigns.

He reviewed what had been done in Maryland, long before Pearl Harbor, to ready the State for a possible war emergency, citing organization of the State Guard, plans for setting up the minute men and other phases of civilian defense which, he pointed out, had placed Maryland in the forefront in this field.

He called attention to the balancing of the State budget by his administration and the stopping of borrowing for current expenses.

He cited abolition of the fee system in the magisterial courts and reorganization of the People's Court of Baltimore along more sound lines.

Saying that the present emergency situation must engage his full time, the Governor stated that he planned no formal campaign or speaking tours.

\$5,000 To County For Defense Equipment

The committee in charge of the Central Labor Union Defense Fund has allocated \$5,000 to Montgomery County civilian defense equipment, subject to approval by the committee. The Central Labor Union heretofore has donated 300 precinct and sector post signs, 6000 white caps for civilian defense personnel, now on order, 1200 noisemakers for use in warning of gas now on order, radios for report and control centers and a blood bank for Montgomery County General Hospital at Sandy Spring.

Fire Destroys Bryant Mill At Gaithersburg

Loss Estimated At \$75,000 To \$100,000—Firemen Credited With Good Work

The entire mill and contents of the Gaithersburg plant of Herbert Bryant, Inc., was destroyed by fire on Tuesday night, July 7th. The alarm was sounded at seven o'clock and in a few minutes the entire structure was ablaze. The volunteer firemen of Gaithersburg and Washington Groves responded immediately and were joined by firefighters from Rockville. Loss was estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

While the loading elevator was destroyed the six grain storage tanks are intact. The tanks will not be opened until sufficient time has elapsed for cooling. Any damage to grain in the tanks cannot be determined until examination is possible. In the mill proper a great deal of grain was lost as was a quantity of wire and fertilizer.

According to J. Sinclair Taylor, branch manager of the company he left the mill a few minutes after six o'clock after having had the customary check made. Origin of the fire is unknown.

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Rockville Methodist Church

Attachment 8.7

Photographs of the Rockville Methodist Church ca. 1906. Courtesy the Montgomery County Historical Society.



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